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LETTER DATED 20 JANUARY 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF GREECE TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the French and English versions of the communiqué on the situation in Azerbaijan, issued by the European Union in Athens and Brussels on 17 January 1994.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex

[Original: English/French]

Communiqué by the Presidency in the name of the European Union on the situation in Azerbaijan, issued in Athens and Brussels on 17 January 1994

The European Union is deeply concerned at the fact that large-scale fighting has been going on again in the Nagorny Karabakh region since mid-December.

It would request the opposing parties to display self-control and not inflict further suffering on a civilian population already sorely tried by the war.

It reaffirms its support for the principle of the territorial integrity of Azerbaijan and calls for a peaceful solution to the conflict. Given the danger of internationalization, which could aggravate the situation, it would urge the parties concerned to cease fighting and implement the relevant resolutions of the United Nations Security Council.

The European Union requests the opposing parties to resume current negotiations immediately under the aegis of the CSCE Minsk Group and fully backs those negotiations.